

HE FACED DEATH ON THE TRESSLE.

Held Fast in the Timbers, a
Belleville Man Saw the Ap-
proaching Train.

Unable to Move or Make His Cries
Heard, He Awaited His Appa-
rently Certain Fate.

SAVED BY THE WATCHFUL ENGINEER.

In the Rays of the Powerful Headlight He
Saw Pierson's Head and Instantly
Applied the Air
Brakes.

Belleville, N. J., Feb. 20.—There is one
man in this community who has looked
death in the face and lived to tell it. The
individual is William D. Pierson, of the
Soho end of the town.

Pierson had a most thrilling experience
last night while on his way home from
Newark. He took the trolley car to Forest
Hill and started to walk home by way of
the New York & Greenwood Lake Railroad
tracks.

Between Forest Hill and Soho there is a
trestle 150 feet long and 40 feet from the
ground. Pierson started to cross this, and
when half way over he heard the thunder-
ing of a train. Turning around, he saw
the headlight of the engine.

Pierson was in a quandary, as there was
no way to prevent the train from killing
him except by his jumping into the river
below, which meant instant death. On
second thought he dropped between the ties
in the hope of being able to hang suspended
until the train passed. As he attempted
to grasp the tie he slipped and fell, and was
only saved from being dashed to death
forty feet below by a cross beam.

This, however, left him apparently in a
worse position than before. His head was
above the rails and his body was so wedged
in between the timbers that he could not
move a limb. Great was the relief of Pierson
when the engineer blew his whistle
and the train began to diminish its speed.
The engine stopped within five feet of the
imprisoned man. The sharp curve at this
point and the watchful eye of the engineer
alone saved Pierson's life. As is generally
the case, all trains stop considerably
before crossing this trestle, and the engine-
ner, seeing the man's head in the rays
of the powerful headlight, he called to the
whole force of the air-brakes.

The train hands were quick to go to
Pierson's aid, and he was pulled up from
between the beams. The man was unable
to help himself in the least, as he had
succumbed to the nervous strain.

When Soho was finally reached Pierson
was removed to his home by the train
hands and passengers. The men were re-
membered today by Mr. Pierson, particu-
larly the engineer.

IT MAY TIE UP THE ROAD.

The Supreme Court Decides That the Or-
dinance Against Salting Tracks Is Law.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 20.—J. C. Con-
nolly argued an important case before the
Supreme Court to-day. The decision was
in his favor, and is the first case of its
kind to come up for settlement before a
high court in any State. Two years ago
the City Council of Elizabeth passed an
ordinance prohibiting the use of salt on the
street car tracks to melt ice and snow
by the Consolidated Traction Company.
The company persisted, and two employees
were arrested and fined in a police court.
The company carried the case to the higher
courts, and now the Supreme Court sus-
tains the city and says it can thus by or-
dinance prohibit the use of salt in this
way.

Frank Bergen represented the company,
and he now says that when the next snow
comes he will let the road become tied
up if the city refuses to allow salt to be used
to clear the tracks.

The company may carry the matter to the
Court of Appeals.

INSOMNIA CAUSES SUICIDE.

Could Neither Sleep Nor Get Employment,
So Bruckner Ended His Life.

Insomnia and despondency caused Will-
iam Bruckner, sixty-four years of age,
to commit suicide at his home, No. 120
Hutton street, Jersey City, at 2 a. m. yester-
day by shooting himself through the heart.

The sound of the shot awakened his wife,
and, hurrying to the kitchen, she found
him lying dead on the floor.

He was a jeweler by trade, but had been
employed by the North Hudson County
Railway Company as a receiving agent.
He lost his position some time ago, and, as
he suffered from insomnia, he was grieved
over his inability to obtain em-
ployment, he ended his life.

JERSEY M. E. CONFERENCE.

To Be Held at Bridgeton in the Central
Church.

Bridgeton, N. J., Feb. 20.—The sixteenth
annual session of the New Jersey Confer-
ence of the Methodist Episcopal Church
will take place in the Central M. E. Church
here on March 11. Bishop Isaac W. Joyce,
of Chattanooga, Tenn., will preside for
the first time. The contest for delegates
to the General Conference to be held in
Cincinnati in May promises to be a spirited
one. The delegates from the local churches
are: Senator William H. Skirm and General
James S. Ruding, of Trenton; C. W. Shoemaker,
of Bridgeton; Thomas J. Allen, of
Mount Holly, and Charles H. Butterworth,
of Camden.

The General Conference will have some
more important measures brought before
it for consideration, one being an effort to
abolish the time and salary of the
pastors and people the privilege of main-
taining the pastoral relation so long as it
may be mutually agreeable.

AHLWARDT DID NOT LECTURE.

Prominent Hoboken Hebrews Made a Pro-
test and the Hall Was Closed.

Herr Ahlwardt, the Jew-baiter, was to
have lectured in Vase's Hall, Hoboken,
last night, but the proprietor refused to
allow him to do so. Several prominent
Hebrews yesterday called up Chief of
Police Donovan and protested against Ahl-
wardt delivering his lecture. The Chief
advised them to sue Mr. Vase, and give
him no doubt caused the latter to refuse
Ahlwardt permission to use his hall.

Colt Gets Six Years and a Half.

Thomas O. Colt, who shot Carrie Plate
at Arlington, was yesterday sentenced by
Judge Hudspeth to State prison for six
years and six months. Colt asked that
the letters M. Plate and Mrs. Plate be
returned to him, but the District At-
torney refused to surrender them.

James Sherlock Sentenced.
James Sherlock, whose accuser was eight-
year-old Maggie Delb, was sentenced in
Jersey City to State prison for fifteen
years yesterday by Judge Hudspeth. The
Judge said he was sorry the law provided
no more severe penalty. He thought the
punishment for such a crime should be
death.

HAVE YOU EVER? fallen from a lofty
altitude. Order from
your newsdealer in advance the Sunday
Journal, read it, and learn how it feels to
fall out of a high window.



Mrs. Della Stewart Parnell.
She has reached her eightieth year and has had a new picture taken.

MRS. PARNELL AT EIGHTY.

She Sits for Her Picture and Tells Her
Fears of Living to a
Great Age.

Mrs. Della Stewart Parnell, mother of
the Irish patriot and statesman, sat for
her picture last week at the age of eighty
years. When the artist asked her to close
her mouth she said with a laugh: "It is
unnatural for me and it is almost an im-
possibility for any woman to do so." She
has leased Ironsides, Bordentown, N. J.,
for an indefinite term, and will soon go
abroad to join her daughter Anna.

In her eightieth year she reads the news-
papers without the aid of glasses. She
says: "I am hard to kill. I have the Stew-
art bones, and they are hard and do not
break. I should like to leave this world,
for I fear I am going to live to be very
old. Before I was struck down I was con-
gratulating myself on my physical strength
and the long distance I could walk. Now
my limbs are feeble, but my will is strong."
Mrs. Parnell is a perfectly preserved
woman, who does not look her age, and is
keenly alive to all the questions of the
day. Yesterday she wore a blue serge
skirt, a negligee jacket, necessary to the
ease of her lame hand and arm. Thrown
carelessly over her shoulders was a Stewart
plaid shawl and upon her head a small cap
of white mull. She had with her the little
black velvet reticule containing her val-
uable documents and diamond ring. Her
face is almost as fresh as a schoolgirl's
and is free from wrinkles.

She was born in Philadelphia in 1810.
Her education was far in advance of her
time, as she became accomplished in music,
art, languages, and dancing. She married J. H. Parnell
in 1835, he having come to Washing-
ton with Lord Powerscourt. He was the
uncle of the late John Parnell, and they lived in
the County Wicklow till 1880. She is the
mother of ten children. She was married to
Charles Read and Napoleon III., having
once given the Emperor a red rose out of
her basket at a costume ball.

THE EQUAL TAX HEARING.

Opponents and Advocates of Assemblyman
Queen's Bill Air Their Views Be-
fore the Committee.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 20.—The House Com-
mittee on Roads and Canals remained
last night to give a hearing to the
railroad issue. In the afternoon Assemblyman Queen's
Equal Taxation bill. There were present
about a dozen prominent Jersey City men,
including Mayor Wanser, to advocate the
measure, while the opposition was repre-
sented by James Allen, special counsel for
the Erie Railroad, who argued that the bill
would place an unequal burden on the rail-
roads.

Mr. Allen contended that the railroads
were now paying more than their share of
the taxes. He claimed that the State
Board of Assessors in fixing the value of
the railroad property throughout the State,
made valuation just treble that of abut-
ting property. The railroads, he said, sup-
ported the State practically in an equal val-
uation in each municipality. They main-
tained that the question as to whether the
railroad company's property was fairly as-
sessed was a collateral one, and was not
germane to the bill. The bill had only to
do with the question of taxation, and not
with that of whether assessments were
properly made.

The committee, in consequence of a tele-
gram from Thomas N. McCarter, the New-
ark lawyer, saying he was unable to be
present to-day, fixed next Thursday for a
further hearing, but not without protest
from Assemblyman Queen, who claimed
that Mr. McCarter had ample notice of the
hearing and should have been present. He
said that the bill was not to be moved, how-
ever, from its determination to give Mr.
McCarter one more chance to appear.

READY TO HONOR HIS MEMORY.

Body of Ambassador Runyon Expected
To-day on the Havel.

The body of Ambassador Theodore Run-
yon is expected to arrive on the North
German Lloyd steamship Havel to-day. At
the request of Mayor Lebkuecher, of New-
ark, the Hoboken Board of Health yes-
terday issued all necessary permits, etc.,
so that the body will not be delayed in
transit to Newark.

M. J. A. Logan will have charge of the
funeral arrangements.

Strikers Convicted of Assault.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 20.—Charles Stor-
man and William McClellan were this morn-
ing convicted in the Criminal Court of
atrocious assault last Fall on John Mc-
Aleer. The latter took the place of one of
the strikers who were brought against
men were among the strikers. They beat
McAleer and drove him out of town.

AUCTIONEER "SID" BURIED

He Was a Famous Character
and Was Known to Every-
body in Newark.

When He Conducted a Sale the Peo-
ple Flocked to Hear His Witty
Sayings and to Buy.

HE WAS A BRAVE SOLDIER, TOO.

Went to the Front in the Rebellion as a
Volunteer, Fought in Twenty-seven
Actual Battles and Carried
Away Many Scars.

Newark, Feb. 20.—All that was mortal of
Sydney R. Smith, one of New Jersey's
famous characters, was consigned to Mother
Earth in Fairmount Cemetery this after-
noon. There were many sorrowing friends.
In addition to the immediate family and
relatives, surrounding the grave when the
casket was lowered.

The funeral services over the deceased
were held at his late residence, No. 47
Tichenor street. Long before the hour set
for the services the house was crowded.
Scores of friends of the deceased from all
stations of life passed in and out of the
house and took a last look at their old
friend, who lay in a handsome black broad-
cloth casket, which was wrapped in the
Stars and Stripes. It was the colors that
"Sid" had fought and bled for on the field
of battle. Old comrades of the 33d New
Jersey Volunteers and the Union Veterans'
Union, Hancock Corps, who had fought
side by side with him in defending their
day, were here side by side to-day to do
honor to their dead comrade. The services
were conducted by the Rev. George Sa-
vary, who eulogized the dead veteran in
glowing terms.

The pall-bearers were George W. Riker,
James McLaughlin, James J. Deegan, Fred-
erick H. Lyon, George L. Bighie and John
Smith. They had been selected by
"Sid" himself previous to his death. The
funeral was a large one and there were
many handsome floral pieces.

With the death of "Sid" Smith passed
away one of the characters of the streets
of Newark. He was known to almost
every man, woman and child in the city.
He was the Sheriff's auctioneer, and when his
name appeared on the red flag at a sale
crowds flocked there to hear him. He knew
that there was fun ahead for them. It
was like seeing a good comrade to see and
hear "Sid" dispose of the wares. He was
himself previous to his death. The
funeral was a large one and there were
many handsome floral pieces.

But though dead some of "Sid's" sayings
while knocking down goods will long live
in the memory of Newarkers. For in-
stance, if it was a pair of socks, he would
be selling, you could hear him shout a
half-block away:

"Come here! Come on, come on!
They're double-headed, double-toed, clip-
per built and warranted not to stick or
subside during summer. All right; you
don't wear socks, so well put up
something else."

The next thing to meet "Sid's" hand
might be a fine tooth comb. Holding this
aloft he would shout:

"This is what you want, you fathers and
mothers who raise sockless children. Where
is there a Jerusalem undertaker or Michi-
gan cut-throat that can equal it? We
warrant it to catch and kill more in a
minute than any butcher in a week."
But humor was not only what "Sid" pos-
sessed. He was a fair and good soldier
and a good husband and father.
He first saw the light of day in the South
homestead on Broadway, adjoining the
County Jail, or "Old Jolly Bone," as it was
then known, sixty-nine years ago. His
father was then the jail warden. In 1848,
with several other adventurous Newark
youths, he went to California looking for
gold, and it is said after the strike broke
he built the first frame hotel erected in Sacra-
mento. He later went to Nicaragua, opened
a hotel there, and was captured by
Walker's filibusters and sent back to the
United States a prisoner of war. He subse-
quently fought in Chicago and in the
breaking out of the war of the rebellion
returned to Newark and enlisted in the
Eight Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.
At the second battle of Bull Run he was
badly wounded, but on recovering re-en-
listed and was again badly wounded at
Rocky Fall Ridge. In all he took part in
twenty-seven fighting engagements and car-
ried many scars to show for his bravery
on the field. His death was on the 101st
anniversary of his father's birth.

DOG CATCHER IN TROUBLE.

One Man Is Going to Sue Him and the
Women of the Town Are Opposed
to His Methods.

Montclair, N. J., Feb. 20.—Edward Mar-
tion, who acts as a substitute letter car-
rier, and also holds the position of dog
catcher, is beginning to have a bad end of
trouble in the latter position, which he has
held for the past three weeks. Under an
ordinance passed by the Town Council, he
was authorized to gather up all stray dogs
not licensed, and to put them to death by
humane means. The dog catcher has been
very successful in his work, and has im-
pounded nearly sixty dogs, a majority of
which were reclaimed. Seventeen
others were to be executed, and of them ten
were sent to their last resting place yester-
day afternoon at 5 o'clock. The dog
catcher, however, has been accused of being
a desecrator of graves, and in other
places. When all were securely locked in
the receptacle a can of kerosene was in-
jected into the box, to which was attached
a rubber hose, running from the old Police
Station, where it had been placed over a
gas jet. After a wait of nearly an hour
the dogs were released, and the can was re-
moved from the box.

John J. Kingsland, who lives in Cedar
Grove, has been indicted for the sale and
selling of dead animals, was given the
carcasses.

The dog catcher will, in all probability, be
the defendant in a suit to recover damages
in a few days. The plaintiff is John Bar-
nett, whose dog, dog Marion, picked up
the carcass of a dog, and the ordinance requires that
dogs shall be kept forty-eight hours. Bar-
nett claims that his pet was not kept that
long.

This is not all that Mariton will have to
fight. The members of the Woman's Town
Improvement Association do not like the
way the dogs have been put to death, and
will demand that chloroform be used in-
stead of gas.

MAGOWEN'S BAIL IS REDUCED.

Court Decides Trenton's Ex-Mayor Was Im-
properly Arrested in a Damage Suit.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 20.—An opinion was
handed down in the Supreme Court to-day
in the case of J. A. Barnes against ex-
Mayor Frank Magowen, of this city. Barnes
sued Magowen for \$25,000 damages for
alienation of his wife's affections and
conduct in having Magowen hold in 1895
on the plea that the ex-Mayor was
about to leave the State.

The court decided that the warrant for
Magowen's arrest was improperly issued,
and that he should be discharged upon
ordinary bail upon condition that he will
not bring suit for false imprisonment.

Frederick Simon Acquitted.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 20.—Frederick Simon,
who was indicted for attempting to poison
his wife by substituting carbolic acid for
medicine, was tried and acquitted in the
Court of Quarter Sessions to-day.

Dropped Dead While at Work.

William Parsells, thirty-five years old, a
painter, of Jersey City, dropped dead from
heart disease yesterday while at work in
the Erie Railroad paint shop, in this city.
His body was removed to his home. He
was married and several small children.

SAVED BY YOUNG WOMEN.

John Mitchell Breaks Through the Ice
and Is Rescued by Some
Brave Girls.

Morristown, N. J., Feb. 20.—While skating
on Spedwell Lake yesterday John
Mitchell broke through the ice and found
himself in deep water. He was barely
able to keep his head above water and
shout for help.

Several young women witnessed the ac-
cident, and at once hurried to Mitchell's
assistance. A man attempted to join
them, but they pushed him aside. Two
of the girls lay down on the ice, one of
them crawling out toward Mitchell, and
the other clinging to her heels. The other
girls hung on to the second girl.

When the front girl reached Mitchell
she caught hold of his arms and all began
to pull him toward the shore. After con-
siderable vigorous work they succeeded in
bringing him out upon the strong ice. He
soon recovered from his cold bath and went
home.

SALOON KEEPERS REJOICE.

The Supreme Court Decides Railway's
Local Ordinance Unconstitutional.

Rahway, N. J., Feb. 20.—There is great
jubilation among the saloon keepers of this
city to-night. The Supreme Court at Tren-
ton to-day decided that the local ordinance
taking away their licenses, in addition to
fining them for violation of the excise laws,
is unconstitutional. The provision passed
by the City Council, which did this, is not
in accordance with the Wertz Liquor law.
A fine of \$20 was imposed and the convic-
tion in court made void the license.

The suit was brought in the name of
Albert Lambert. There were eighteen other
cases, but his was the first case.

DIVIDED THE FIND EQUALLY.

Five Boys Who Found Money Years Ago
Will Spend It as Men.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 20.—Chancellor Mc-
Gill yesterday awarded Thomas Hux, Rob-
ert Derine, Charles Fox, William Casman
and William Crawford \$145 each as their

SHAKEN UP BY A TROLLEY.

A Trailer of the Summit Avenue Line Breaks
an Axle—Policeman the Only
Person Hurt.

The North Hudson County Railway Com-
pany, during the rush hours on its Summit
avenue line, Jersey City, attaches horse
cars as trailers to the motor cars. The
rear axle on trailer car No. 121, attached
to motor No. 55, broke as the car rounded
the curve at the foot of Pavonia Hill, at
6.45 a. m. yesterday, and the car, owing
to the brake not being in order, dashed
against a stone wall.

Although twenty-five persons were in the
car, the side of which was stove in, only
one passenger, Policeman John O'Donnell,
of the Sixth Precinct, was injured.

He was on the rear platform, and as the
car crashed into the wall, was thrown into
a ditch and had his arm broken. He was
taken to his home, No. 274 Ninth street,
Jersey City. The other passengers were
shaken up and slightly bruised, but board-
ed the motor car and hurried to New
York.

Motorman Schlenker and Conductor Hand-
ley were in charge of the motor and Con-
ductor Edward Wiley of the trailer. Wiley
was on the front platform as the car
started down the hill. When the axle
broke he applied the brake, but, owing
to the motor gaining headway, the car
went down the hill. The spot
where the accident occurred is a dangerous
one, and the employees of the company
are ordered to run slow while rounding
the curve.

MR. TUITE GOT HIS LICENSE.

The Grand Jury Presentment Had No
Effect with the Board of Excise.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 20.—The Board of
Excise to-night granted a renewal of his
saloon license to John J. Tuite, of No. 5
Broad street, who was one of the six
saloon keepers prosecuted by the recent
Grand Jury. There was considerable sur-
prise manifested by the large audience
present, who expected the license would
be refused on account of the presentation.
William Lauris, who runs the Gem Va-
riety Theatre, which is complained of as
a rather tough resort, also made applica-
tion for a license. The application was



Stairs at Weehawken.

School children of Upper Weehawken who wish an education are compelled to descend several hundred stairs, built on the side of a hillside, in order to reach their school house. The stairs in the winter time are slippery and dangerous, and parents of some of the boys and girls keep them at home.

share of \$775 found by them in an old
coaching box, the Pennsylvania Railroad
track, near this city, August 27, 1885.
Crawford discovered the money after he
had used the coaching box as a toilet
for some time. He claimed it, and a good
put arose. Ex-Chief of Police John Kerol
took charge of the money and deposited it
in a bank. The money was subsequently
taken in charge by the Court of Chancery,
and as no claimant appeared it was or-
dered turned over to the young men.

GOV. GRIGGS ENTERTAINED.

Jersey's Executive and His Wife the
Guests of His Staff.

The personal staff of Governor John W.
Griggs, of New Jersey, entertained him
and Mrs. Griggs at dinner last night at
the Waldorf, in New York. Covers were
laid for thirteen in the Astor dining room.
Besides the guests of honor there were
present Mrs. Price, mother of Mrs. Griggs;
Colonel and Mrs. William Barbour, Colonel
A. R. Kiser, Miss Susan F. Tryden, Colonel
Sheffield Phelps and Mrs. Phelps, Colonel
Henry Potter and Mrs. Potter, Colonel
Nathan Heflin, and Miss Miller.

After dinner the entire party went to the
Fifth Avenue Theatre, where they occupied
two lower boxes, and saw "The
Case in the Court." The Governor and
After the second act Governor Griggs went
behind the scenes and congratulated Mr.
Crane on his impersonation of a Governor.

WAGON STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Truckman Pfeifer Barely Escapes with His
Life in a Newark Accident.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 20.—While Charles
Pfeifer, of No. 45 Congress street, was
driving across the tracks of the Pennsylv-
ania road at Commerce street to-day his
truck was run into by a train. His wagon
was wrecked, his load of flour scattered
about the tracks and one of the horses
so badly injured that it had to be shot.
Pfeifer escaped with a few bruises.

One of the gates at the crossing was
broken and Pfeifer claims that the fire
man made no attempt to stop him until
he was upon the track. Then, he says,
the other gate was lowered in front of
him. He says had the gate been left up
he could have crossed in safety.

THINK HE IS A BOLD THIEF.

Newark Police Capture a Man They Believe
Attacked an Officer.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 20.—The police to-day
arrested a man who is believed to be the
thief who escaped last Tuesday after as-
saulting and seriously injuring Policeman
Keheo.

The thief entered the store of Joseph Gra-
viz, on Canal street, Tuesday, and tried
to sell some goods. Suspecting the prop-
erty was stolen, Graviz called Policeman
Keheo. The latter tried to arrest the
stranger, but was kicked in the abdomen
and badly injured.

CLIMBING STAIRS FOR EDUCATIONS.

Children of Upper Weehawken
Going to School Under
Difficulties.

Imperil Their Lives Every Day to
Reach the Building in
Which They Study.

PARENTS ARE HIGHLY INDIGNANT.

Many of Them Keep Their Boys and Girls
at Home—A Schoolhouse Closes
at Hand, but They
Can't Use It.

To say that the taxpayers of Upper Wee-
hawken are merely angry would be a mild
statement. They live on the heights, be-
yond the Palisades. There is only one
school in their district, and to this school-
house of Weehawken are ineligible. Their chil-
dren are compelled to attend what is known
as the "old school house" on the Boul-
vard. In order to do this it is necessary
that they traverse a dreary waste of com-
mon, and then descend the great stairway
of the Palisades. The schoolhouse affords
all the accommodation requisite when once
reached. When school is out, the steep
and perilous stairway must be climbed.

In bad weather it is so dangerous to
descend the several hundred steps that a
school takes its life in its hands in
making the attempt. In good weather this
descent is not an easy accomplishment for
an adult, and when the wind is blowing a
gale, or the steps are coated with ice and
snow, it becomes a task that even the
brave and the strong are not sufficiently
reckless to undertake with complacency.

The parents of the scholars of this sec-
tion are ambitious to have their children
educated. They pay to support the schools
without a murmur, and are only aroused to
protest when by a fault of their own,
they are deprived of their rights.

DARE NOT CLIMB THE STAIRS.

It is necessary during winter months for
children who would not be interrupted in
their studies to take the "juggen way
round" and make a detour of several miles
and finally reach the schoolhouse by the
way of Union Hill. To do this a lonely
wilderness must be crossed, and even then
the child will reach school late and be
marked as tardy.

There is a school situated within easy
reach of these same scholars, but by reason
of a technicality they are not per-
mitted to make use of its ample accommo-
dations. Being just outside the Weehawken
line, it has been decided that Weehawken
scholars cannot attend it.

Many of the residents of upper Weehaw-
ken have offered to build a schoolhouse
to secure the attendance of their children
at this only available school, but those in
control say no.